

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, and 20 are amended and Claims 3, 9, and 15 are canceled by the present amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that amendments to the claims find support in the claims and specification as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

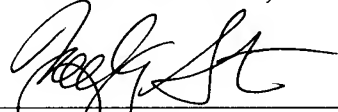
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 12, 14, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,535,716 to Reichman et al. (herein "Reichman"); and Claims 3, 9-11, and 15-17 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 3, 9-11, and 15-17. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, and 20 are amended to recite the features of allowable Claims 3, 9, and 15, which are accordingly canceled. Thus, independent Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, and 20, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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